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PRESS STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH, DR D.N. EVERINGHAM

CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR MENTAL HEALTH PROJECTS IN THREE STATES

The Australian Government today guaranteed continued financial support during 1974/75 under its Community Mental Health Alcoholism and Drug Dependency Program for projects in Western Australia, Tasmania and South Australia.

The three States are to receive a total of \$1,430,500 during 1974/75 under the Federal Government's Mental Health and Related Services Assistance Act, which has provided for \$7.5 million to be made available for mental health projects in all States during each of the financial years 1973/74 and 1974/75.

Details of the continued grants are as follows:

<u>Western Australia</u>	<u>1973/74 grant</u> \$	<u>1974/75 grant</u> \$
Recovery Organisation	6,200	22,600
Training facilities for community psychiatric nurses and care staff	22,600	5,400
Graylands community welfare centre (for patients discharged from mental health institutions)	10,000	27,000
Development of State Mental Health Services outpatient clinic at Armadale, Kelmscott	5,000	250,000
Development of a State Mental Health Services outpatient clinic at Swan	5,000	250,000
TOTAL	1973/74 48,800	1974/75 555,000
<u>Tasmania</u>	<u>1973/74 grant</u>	<u>1974/75 grant</u>
Establishment of community mental health centre, Hobart	121,000	255,560
In-training program for mental health welfare officers	21,500	51,000
TOTAL	1973/74 142,500	1974/75 306,560

<u>South Australia</u>	<u>1973/74 grant</u>	<u>1974/75 grant</u>
Industrial therapy centre in Adelaide, for patients unable to make use of usual sheltered workshop environments	160,000	66,000
Training course for mental health visitors	49,000	56,000
Northcote Hostel	105,000	48,000
Regional referral clinic for the assessment and treatment of alcoholics in the inner southern area of Adelaide	175,000	200,000
Rehabilitation centre for socially isolated and homeless alcoholics (Archway)	25,000	148,000
Headquarters for psychiatric rehabilitation hostels, Adelaide	85,000	51,000
TOTAL	1973/74 599,000	1974/75 569,000

Dr. Everingham said that the projects outlined above had been chosen for funding under the Community Mental Health Alcoholism and Drug Dependency Program as they represented the best possible use for the States of the \$7.5 million available under that Program.

A number of other State projects which were funded by the Australian Government under its Community Mental Health Alcoholism and Drug Dependency Program in 1973/74 have been referred to the Government's Hospitals and Health Services Commission for consideration of further funding under the Community Health Program.

Canberra, August 1, 1974.